

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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General Walter B. Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence

My dear General Smith:

It is with great regret that I feel compelled to request my relief from you and CIA as of 12 July 1952, in order to accept a partnership in Dillon, Read & Co. The prolonged absence of Bill Draper, the retirement of one partner, and the serious illness of another, have contributed for the past nine months to a constant pressure on me which I cannot ignore.

As I reflect upon my many years of Government service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and now with CIA, I cannot fail to conclude that a more interesting, more satisfying, and happier service has ever been rendered by me, thanks to your direction and inspiration.

The association with you and those who have served with me has been so congenial, enthusiastic and cooperative that my contemplated nine months tenure has been extended to eighteen, and my departure made all the more difficult.

I shall ever be grateful to you for having had the opportunity of serving under you and hope that you will not fail to call upon me in the future should you ever have need for my time, for whatever it might be worth. That, I may add, goes for wherever you are and in whatever capacity you are serving our Government.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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